

House Resolution No. 4295

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents whose graciousness, community-minded spirit, and generous philanthropy enhance the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, John Lawniczak and Kirsten Wells of Kansas City are the owners of a home built in 1889 at 224 Olive Street; and

Whereas, on November 22, 2008, John Lawniczak and Kirsten Wells will open their house as one of four homes featured on the Pendleton Heights Holiday Homes Tour; and

Whereas, the highly unusual Victorian home has spent the majority of its existence divided as a duplex, and the house began its conversion back to a single-family home on Halloween in 1988, when Betsie Czeschin, with then-partners Jeff Ziller and Jim Shivers, began removing the acoustical tile drop ceilings and the restoration of the original doorways and rooms; and

Whereas, with the roof stripped and replaced, the cornice trim and corbel brackets were replicated from photos taken in 1940, and the porch reparation was simplified, also based on the 1940 photographs ; and

Whereas, inside, three of the four fireplaces have been restored and two parlors, dining room, entry hall and kitchen on the first floor are now complete; and

Whereas, the greatest find was the beautiful oak-and-walnut staircase newel post and handrail, “unearthed” from years of layers of paint; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as John Lawniczak and Kirsten Wells at momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the dedication and contributions embodied in the lives of John Lawniczak and Kirsten Wells and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their willingness to open their lovely and historic home to the public during the Pendleton Heights Holiday Homes Tour; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to John Lawniczak and Kirsten Wells of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative John Burnett
District No. 40

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4295, adopted October 2, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker